

REMARKS

The application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated August 25, 2004. Claims 1 to 6, 8 to 10, and 13 are in the application, of which Claims 1, 10, and 13 are independent. Claims 1, 10, and 13 have been amended. The specification has been amended to attend to formal matters. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication of allowable subject matter in Claims 8 and 9. These claims have not been rewritten in independent form as otherwise suggested in the Office Action, since it is believed that independent Claim 1, from which they depend, is also in condition for allowance.

Claims 1 to 6, 10, and 13 have been rejected for obviousness-type double patenting over Claims 1 to 19 of U.S. Patent No. 6,677,183 (Sakaguchi) in view of JP 11-317509 (JP '509). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

According to one feature of the invention as recited by Claims 1, 10, and 13, the member is bonded to a support member via an adhesive.

Neither Sakaguchi's claims nor JP '509, either alone or in combination, are seen to disclose at least the foregoing feature.

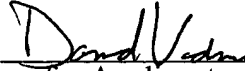
The dependent claims are also submitted to be patentable because they set forth additional aspects of the present invention and are dependent from independent claims discussed above. Therefore, separate and individual consideration of each dependent claim is respectfully requested.

An Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted herewith, and consideration of the documents cited therein is respectfully requested.

No other matters being raised, the entire application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and such action is courteously solicited.

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